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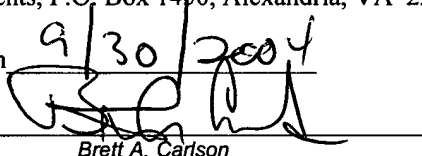
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In response to the Office Action of August 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached additional sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** of replacement sheets containing an additional drawing figure is attached following page 10 of this paper.